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## RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed October 18, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 5, 10, 11, 16, and 17.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30, 31, and 33 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method comprising:

determining a score for one of a set of content elements in a pool, said score being responsive to a predicted interest in said one content element by an individual recipient;

comparing said score with a selected threshold; and

choosing whether to distribute said one content element to said individual recipient, in response to said comparing.

2. (Amended) A method as in claim Jurther comprising adjusting said selected threshold in response to comparing.

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7. (Amended) A method state and further comprising:
repeating said determining to the state of the said of the sai

pool; and

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